Statement on the Resignation of Brian C. Deese as Director of the National Economic Council

February 2, 2023

When I took office, we faced high unemployment, an economy in crisis, and main streets shuttered across the country. I knew we needed to not just get families back to work and businesses reopened, we needed to rebuild our economy so no one was left behind.

For the past 2 years, I have relied on Brian Deese to help me do just that. Brian has a unique ability to translate complex policy challenges into concrete actions that improve the lives of American people. He has helped steer my economic vision into reality and managed the transition of our historic economic recovery to steady and stable growth.

Brian's work was critical to the passage of the most significant economic agenda in generations: the American Rescue Plan, which brought our economy back from the brink; the bipartisan infrastructure law, the most significant investment in our Nation's infrastructure in generations; the CHIPs and Science Act, which ensures we make more high-end technology here at home so we can outcompete the world; and the Inflation Reduction Act, which is giving millions of families breathing room, investing in clean energy manufacturing, and addressing the climate crisis.

I am grateful to his wife Kara and his children Adeline and Clark for letting us borrow Brian. I know well what it must have been like to say goodbye to him for the regular long commute to Washington, and I know they're excited to welcome him home.

NOTE: The statement referred to Kara Arsenault, wife of Director Deese.

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